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Al Simmons was a hit man for the US government until a treacherous assassin ended his life. At the moment of death, Al was offered a deal by the demon Malebolgia and returned to Earth as Spawn, a creature with supernatural powers born in Hell.

As Armageddon consumed the world, Spawn turned against his masters, destroying all life on Earth. While God and Satan continue their endless conflict in a parallel universe, Spawn has re-created the world and resurrected the human race, in what has become known as the White Light. The portals to Heaven and Hell are closed, leaving humanity free from the influence of angels and demons.

Spawn has been forced to face his own brutal past and the memory that Al Simmons beat his wife, causing her to miscarry their unborn child. Knowing he can never go back to his beloved Wanda, he has returned instead to the squalid alleyways that have become his purgatory.

The cracks in Spawn's brave new world are showing. Hell is hungry for souls and wherever evil rears its head, new doorways to Hell may open.

Trapped in the body of Spawn, but no longer possessing the powers of a God, Spawn has vowed to protect his world and keep those doors closed, but it seems there may be another hand pulling his strings.

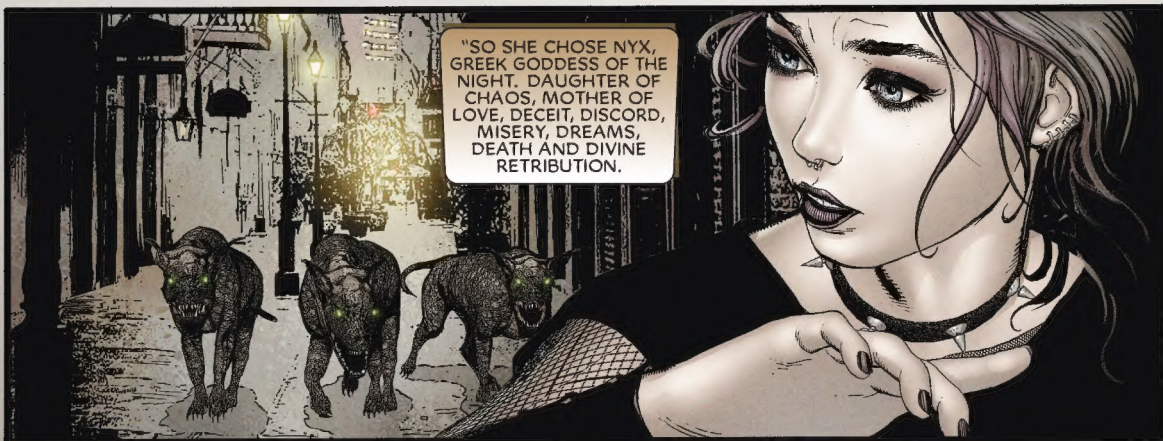


"NEW ORLEANS. THE FRENCH QUARTER. SOME TIME AFTER THE END OF THE WORLD."

"THE YOUNG WOMAN IS CALLED NYX. THAT ISN'T HER GIVEN NAME OF COURSE. WHO WOULD EVER CALL THEIR DAUGHTER NYX?"



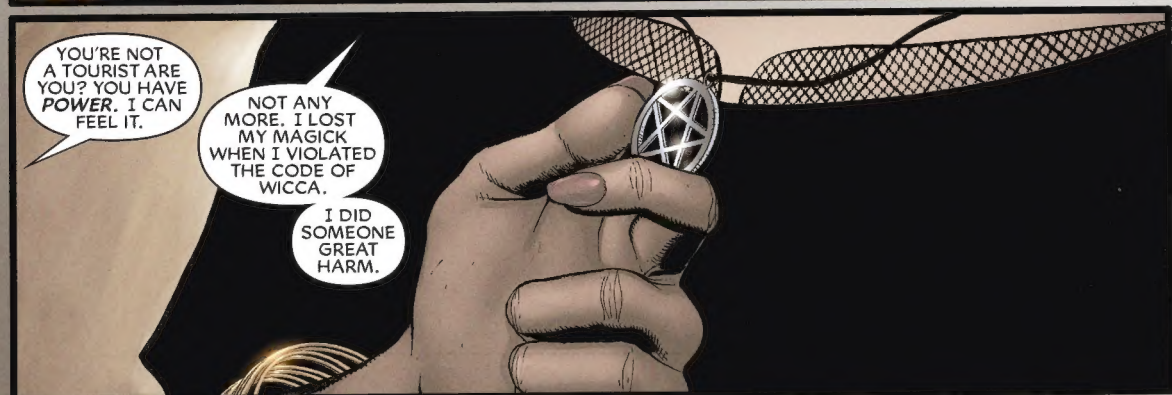
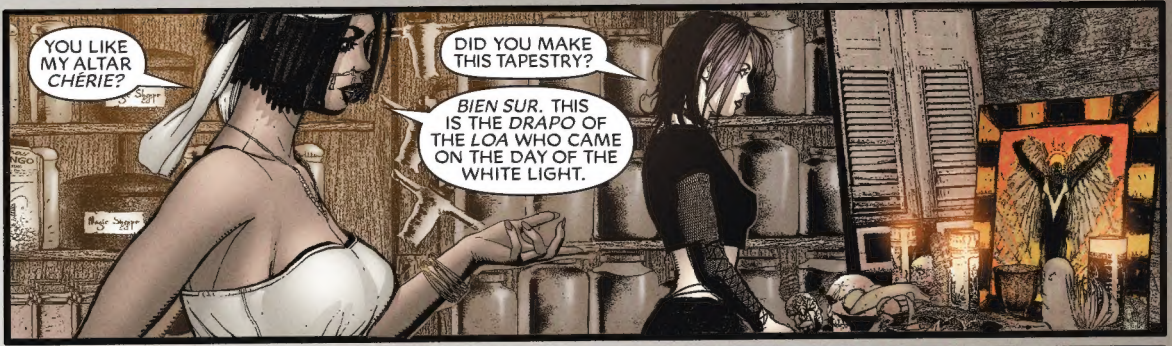
"SHE TOOK THE NAME WHEN SHE WAS TWELVE. BY THEN SHE HAD BEEN PRACTICING MAGIC FOR FOUR YEARS AND CARRIE ANN JUST DIDN'T FEEL RIGHT ANY MORE."

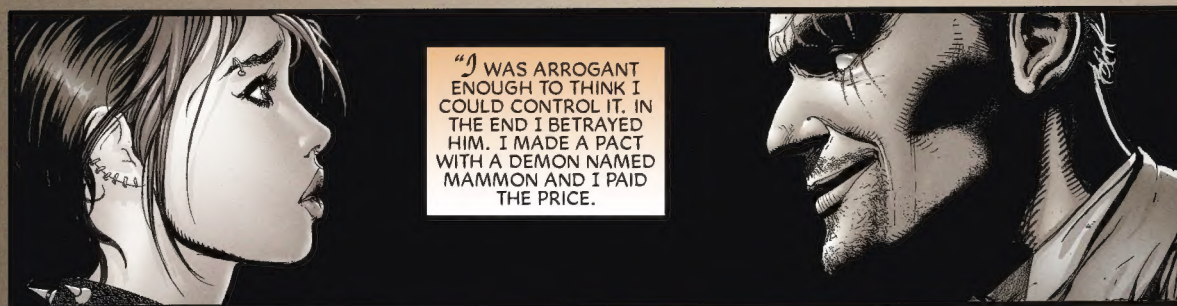
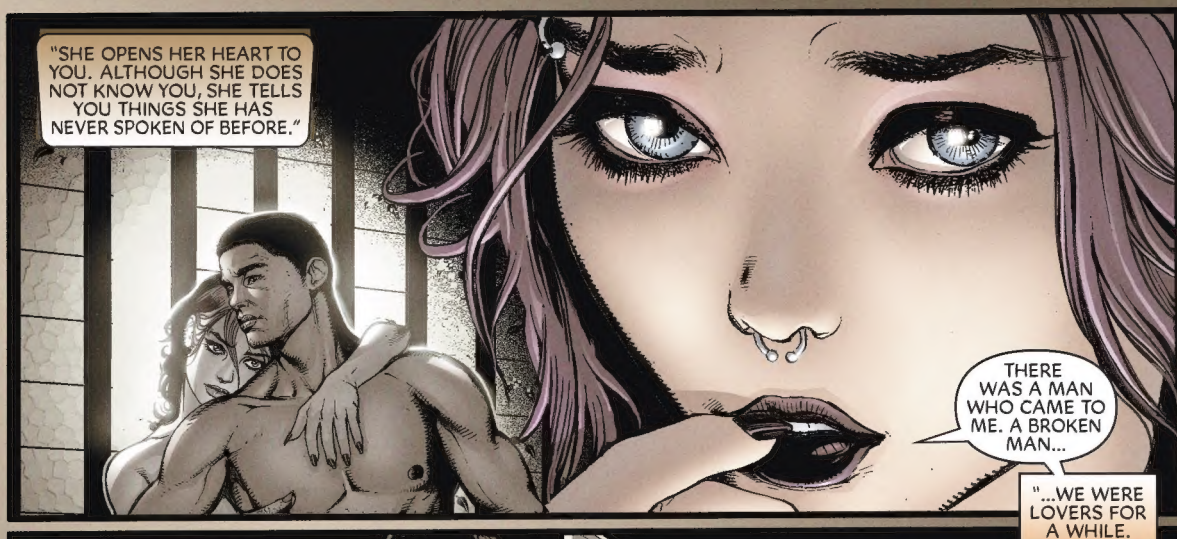


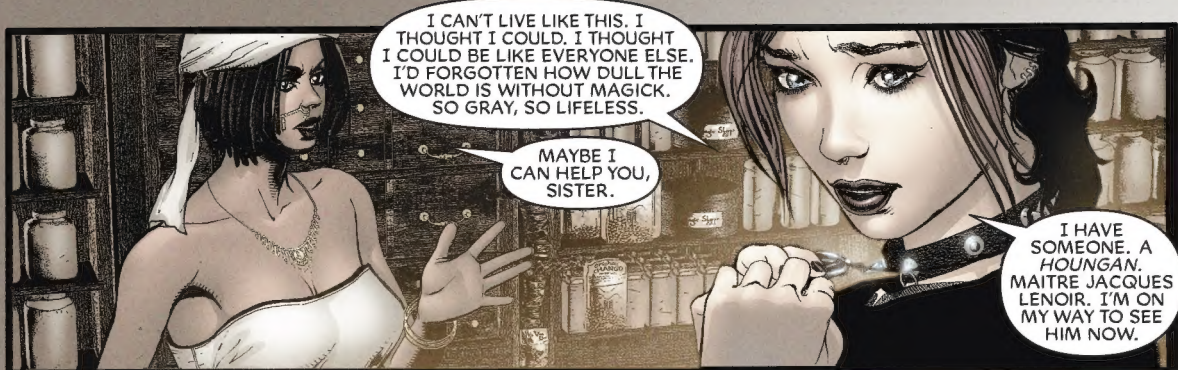
"SO SHE CHOSE NYX, GREEK GODDESS OF THE NIGHT. DAUGHTER OF CHAOS, MOTHER OF LOVE, DECEIT, DISCORD, MISERY, DREAMS, DEATH AND DIVINE RETRIBUTION."



"YOU WOULDN'T THINK SHE'D BE AFRAID OF A FEW STRAY DOGS..."







I CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS. I THOUGHT I COULD. I THOUGHT I COULD BE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. I'D FORGOTTEN HOW DULL THE WORLD IS WITHOUT MAGICK. SO GRAY, SO LIFELESS.

MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU, SISTER.

I HAVE SOMEONE. A HOUNGAN. MAITRE JACQUES LENOIR. I'M ON MY WAY TO SEE HIM NOW.



LENOIR! LISTEN TO ME! THAT MAN IS NO HOUNGAN.

JACQUES LENOIR IS A BOKOR! HE PRACTICES LEFT-HANDED VODOU.

-EVIL SORCERY!

I KNOW THAT. I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES.

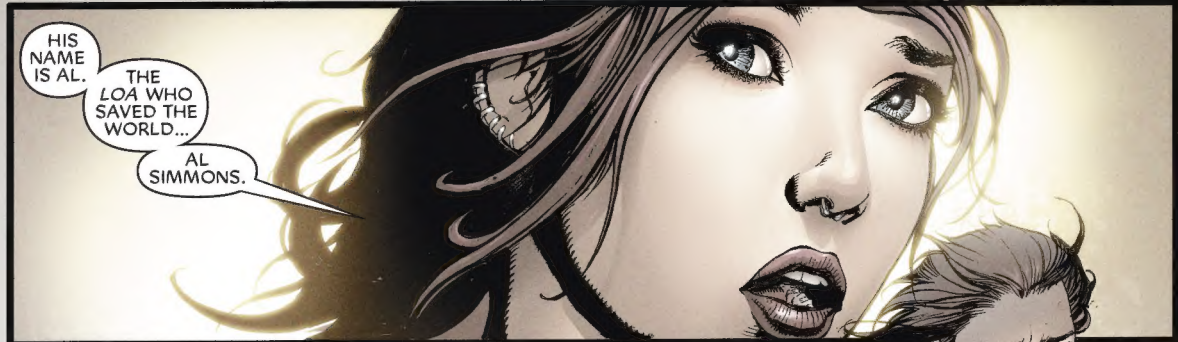
I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO LOSE.



MA PAUVRE PETITE. HERE, TAKE THIS...

...TO PROTECT YOU.

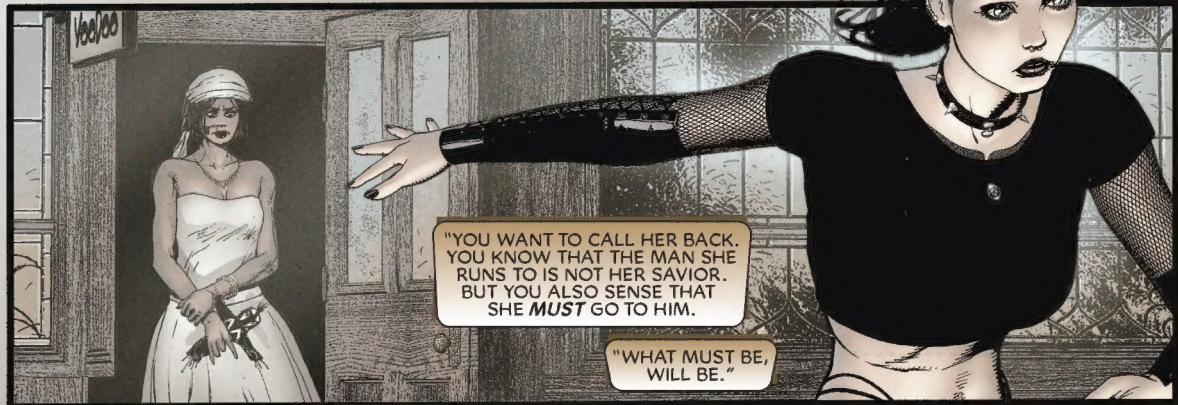
KEEP YOUR DOLLS FOR THE TOURISTS, MAMBO SUZANNE.



HIS NAME IS AL.

THE LOA WHO SAVED THE WORLD...

AL SIMMONS.



"YOU WANT TO CALL HER BACK. YOU KNOW THAT THE MAN SHE RUNS TO IS NOT HER SAVIOR. BUT YOU ALSO SENSE THAT SHE **MUST** GO TO HIM.

"WHAT MUST BE, WILL BE."

"NO SIGN OF THE DOGS NOW. THE STREETS ARE AS DESERTED AS A DREAM."

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Le Noir

I'M HERE.

EVIDENTLY.

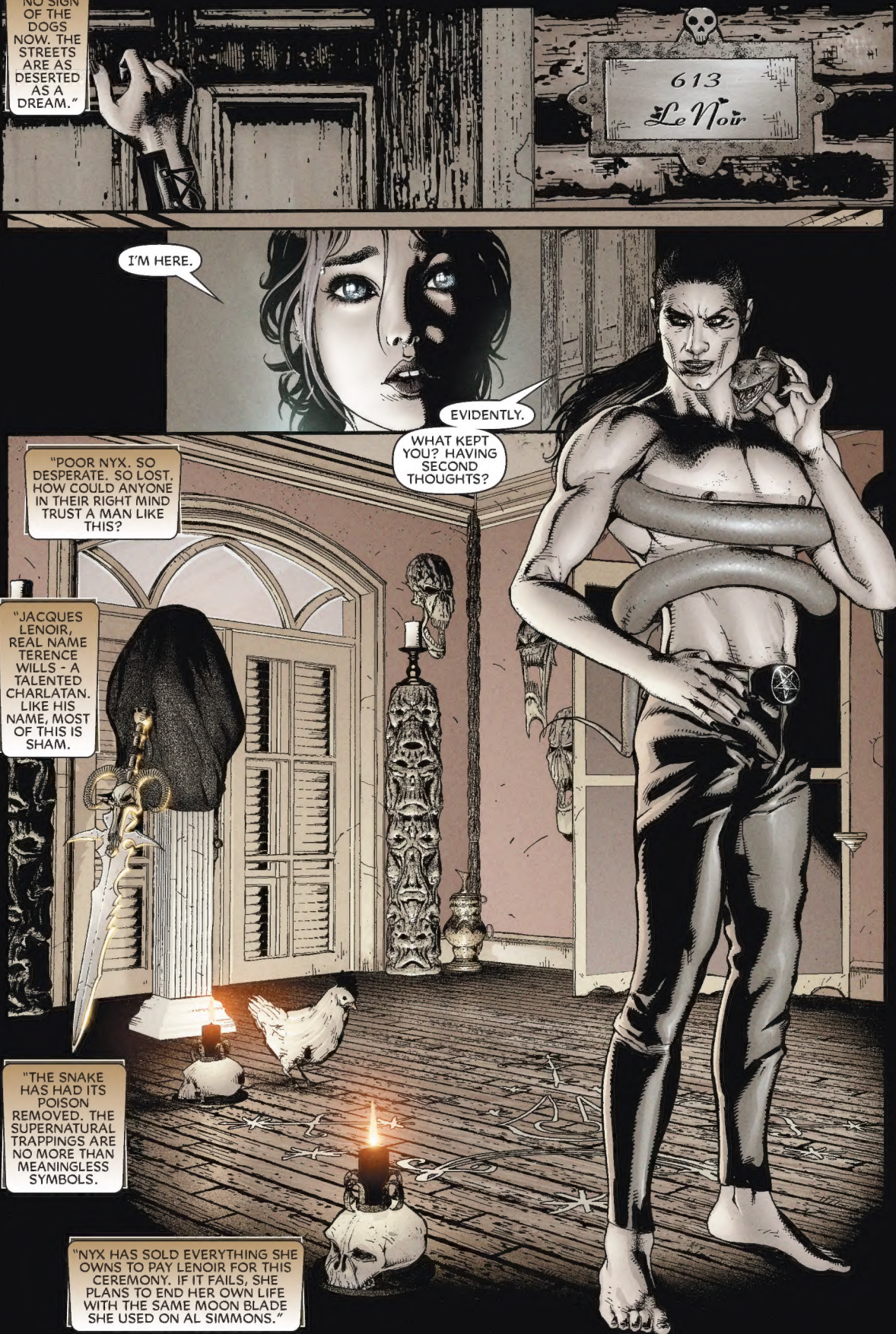
"POOR NYX. SO DESPERATE. SO LOST. HOW COULD ANYONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND TRUST A MAN LIKE THIS?"

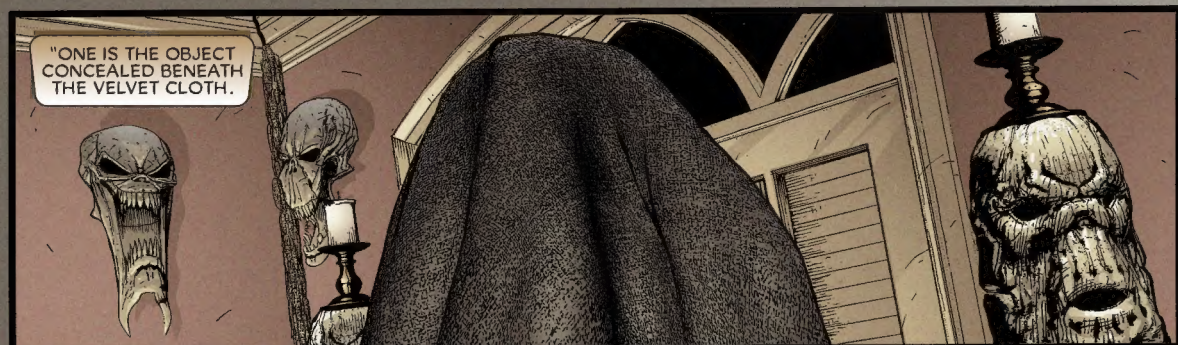
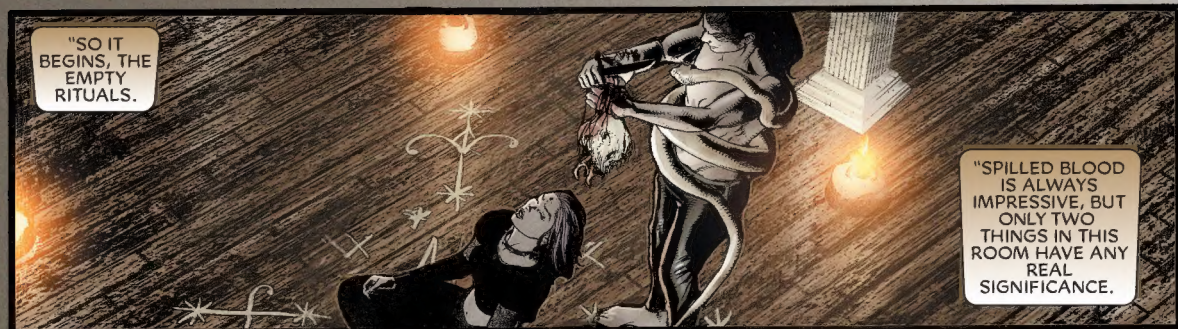
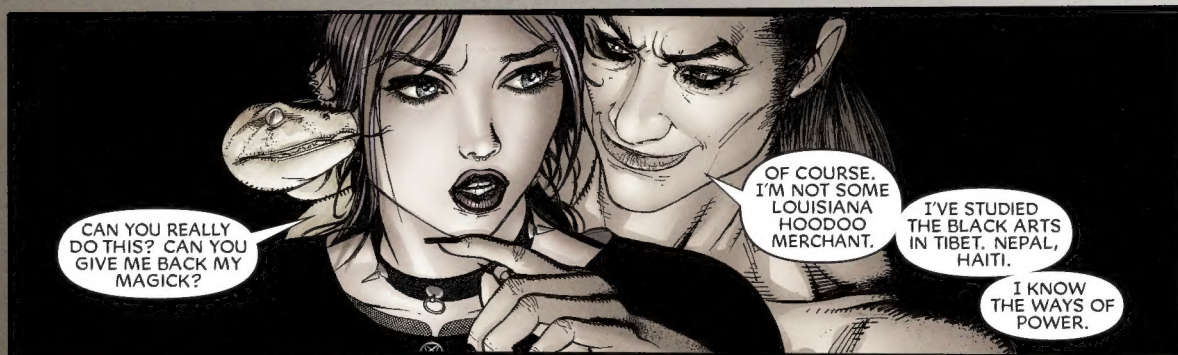
WHAT KEPT YOU? HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS?

"JACQUES LENOIR, REAL NAME TERENCE WILLS - A TALENTED CHARLATAN. LIKE HIS NAME, MOST OF THIS IS SHAM."

"THE SNAKE HAS HAD ITS POISON REMOVED. THE SUPERNATURAL TRAPPINGS ARE NO MORE THAN MEANINGLESS SYMBOLS."

"NYX HAS SOLD EVERYTHING SHE OWNS TO PAY LENOIR FOR THIS CEREMONY. IF IT FAILS, SHE PLANS TO END HER OWN LIFE WITH THE SAME MOON BLADE SHE USED ON AL SIMMONS."







"MAMBO SUZANNE KNOWS IT WAS NOT CHANCE THAT BROUGHT NYX TO HER. IT WAS NOT CHANCE THAT SHE TOLD HER THE NAME OF THE GHEDE LOA."

"THERE WAS DESPAIR IN THE YOUNG WOMAN'S EYES...A SILENT PLEA FOR HELP..."

"NO TIME FOR CEREMONY NOW. NO TIME FOR SACRIFICES, DRUMS, DANCING. ONLY TIME FOR A PRAYER OF OUVERTURE."

ATTIBON LEGBA, OPEN THE WAY FOR ME.



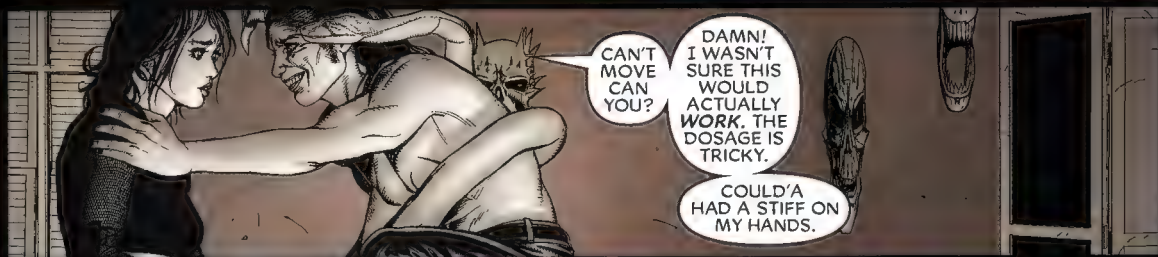
GRAND PROTECTEUR... THERE IS ONE HERE THAT NEEDS YOU.



I CALL YOU DOWN...

...AL SIMMONS!

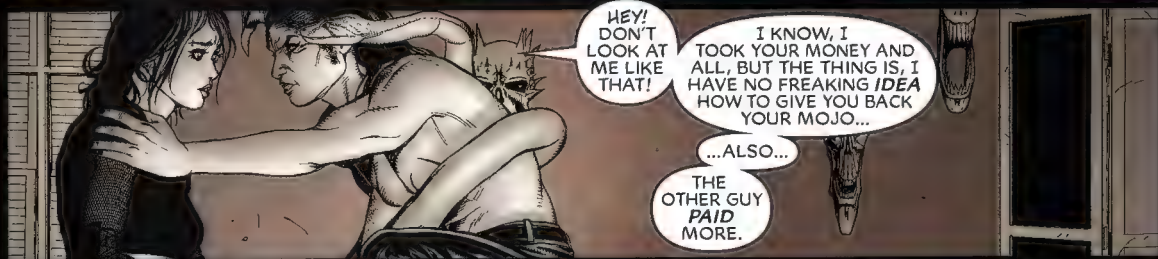




CAN'T
MOVE
CAN YOU?

DAMN!
I WASN'T
SURE THIS
WOULD
ACTUALLY
WORK. THE
DOSAGE IS
TRICKY.

COULD'A
HAD A STIFF ON
MY HANDS.

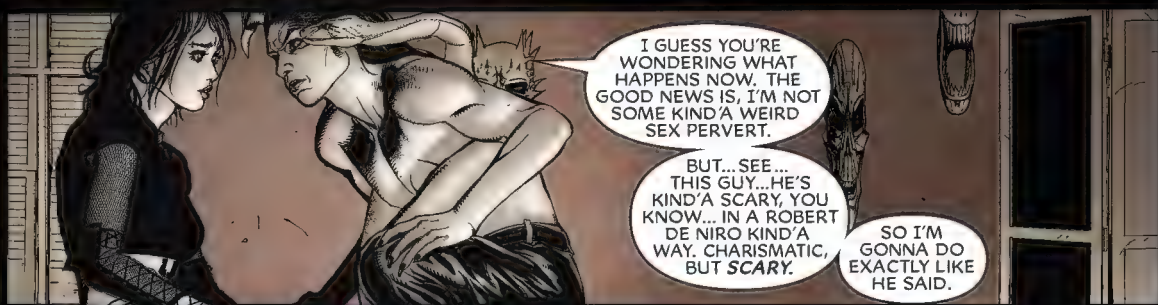


HEY!
DON'T
LOOK AT
ME LIKE
THAT!

I KNOW, I
TOOK YOUR MONEY AND
ALL, BUT THE THING IS, I
HAVE NO FREAKING *IDEA*
HOW TO GIVE YOU BACK
YOUR MOJO...

...ALSO...

THE
OTHER GUY
PAID
MORE.



I GUESS YOU'RE
WONDERING WHAT
HAPPENS NOW. THE
GOOD NEWS IS, I'M NOT
SOME KIND'A WEIRD
SEX PERVERT.

BUT... SEE...
THIS GUY... HE'S
KIND'A SCARY, YOU
KNOW... IN A ROBERT
DE NIRO KIND'A
WAY. CHARISMATIC,
BUT SCARY.

SO I'M
GONNA DO
EXACTLY LIKE
HE SAID.



FIRST, I
GIVE YOU THIS.
PRETTY COOL,
HUH?

YOU BE
CAREFUL WITH
THAT. I WOULDN'T
WANT YOU TO CUT
YOURSELF.



NOW I
GOTTA SHOW
YOU WHAT'S
UNDER HERE. AND
I APOLOGIZE IN
ADVANCE FOR
THIS.



THIS IS
REALLY
GONNA FREAK
YOU OUT...

"ZERA. QUEEN
OF THE SERAPHIM.
HEAVEN'S GREATEST
WARRIOR.

"GOD LOVED
HER ABOVE ALL
OTHERS AND SO
HE REWARDED
HER WITH
IMMORTALITY.

"WHILE
OTHER ANGELS
MAY BE
DESTROYED,
ZERA CAN
NEVER DIE.

AAAAAAHHH

"THIS IS
HER
GIFT.

"THIS IS HER
CURSE."



SOMEONE...
SOMETHING
CALLED ME HERE.



THIS PLACE
STINKS OF
SORCERY.

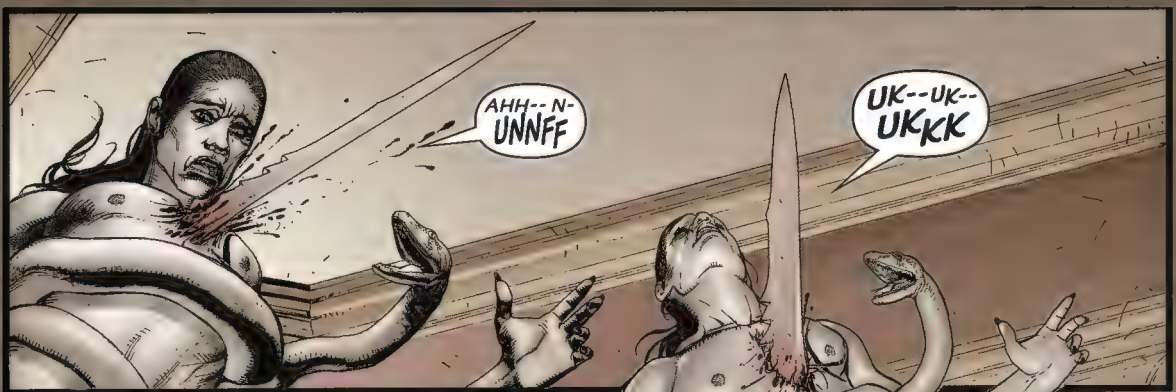
NYX?



OH JESUS!
JESUS HOLY
CHRIST!

THAT
HEAD!
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE
HERE?

I DON'T
KNOW...I SWEAR...
IT WAS HIM...THE
MAN WITH THE
SC-



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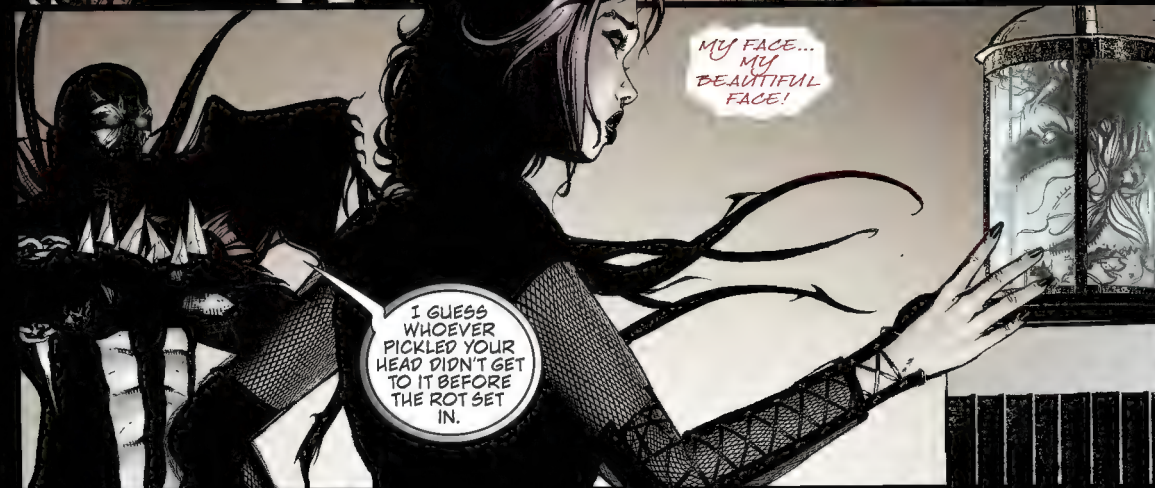
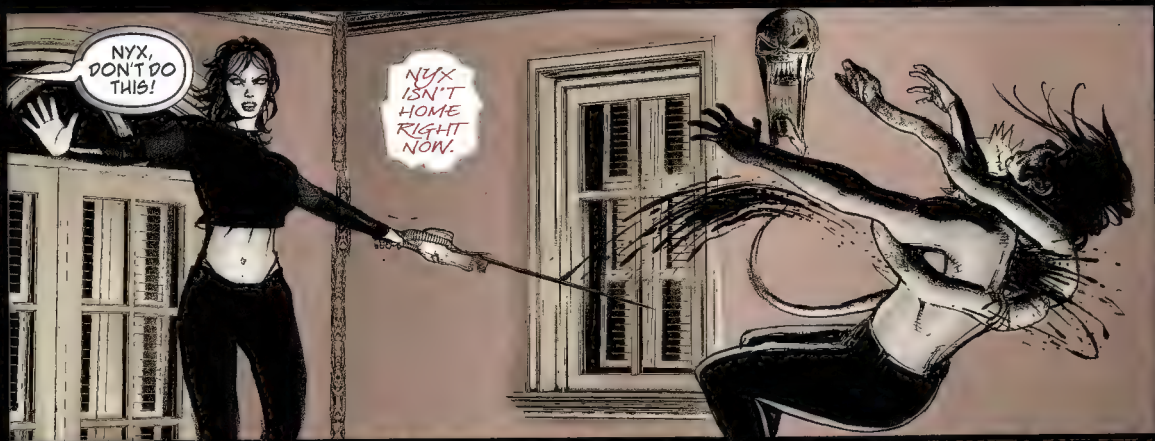


TOUCHE!

"FIRST CLOWN, NOW ZERA.
THE LOWEST VERMIN OF
HELL AND HEAVEN,
WORMING THEIR WAY
BACK INTO YOUR WORLD
THROUGH INNOCENT
HUMAN VESSELS.

"DOESN'T THAT
PISS YOU OFF?

"DOESN'T THAT
MAKE YOU
MAD?"





IT SEEMS I'LL BE KEEPING THIS BODY FOR A WHILE.

DO I HAVE TO BEAT YOU AGAIN?

BEAT ME?! BUT YOU WON'T DO THAT, WILL YOU? YOU WON'T HURT POOR LITTLE NYX.



BESIDES, THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT YOU HAD THE POWER OF A GOD. NOW YOU'RE... WELL... WHAT ARE YOU EXACTLY...?

NOT A GOD, THAT'S CERTAIN. NOT EVEN A MAN. I HATE TO THINK WHAT YOU HAVE BETWEEN YOUR LEGS.

YOU'RE A SHADOW OF A MAN...

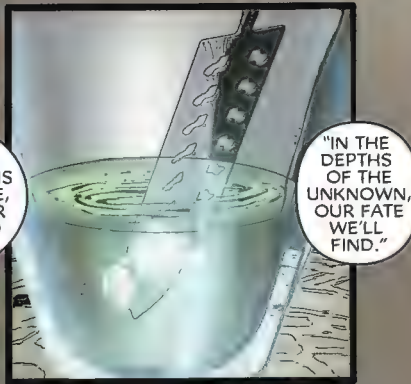
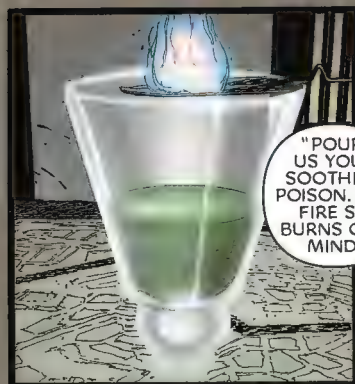
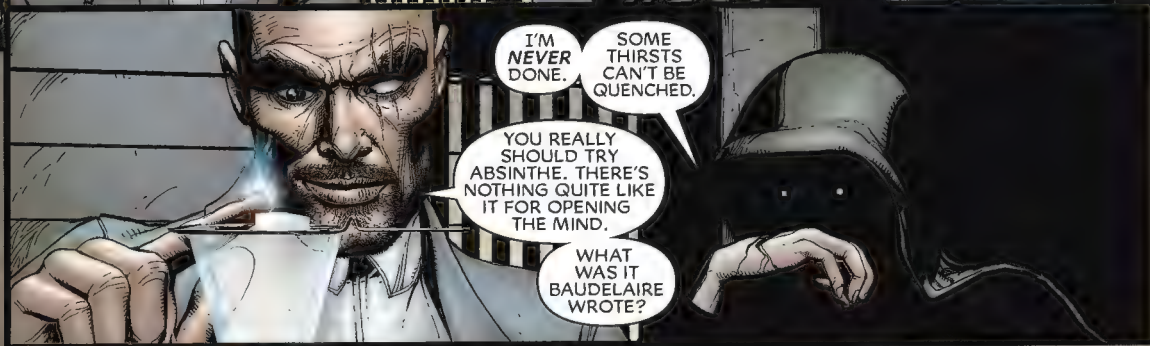
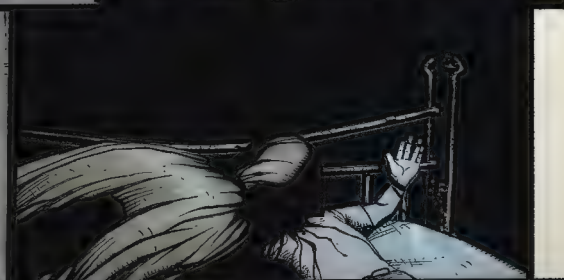
...A HOLLOW MAN.

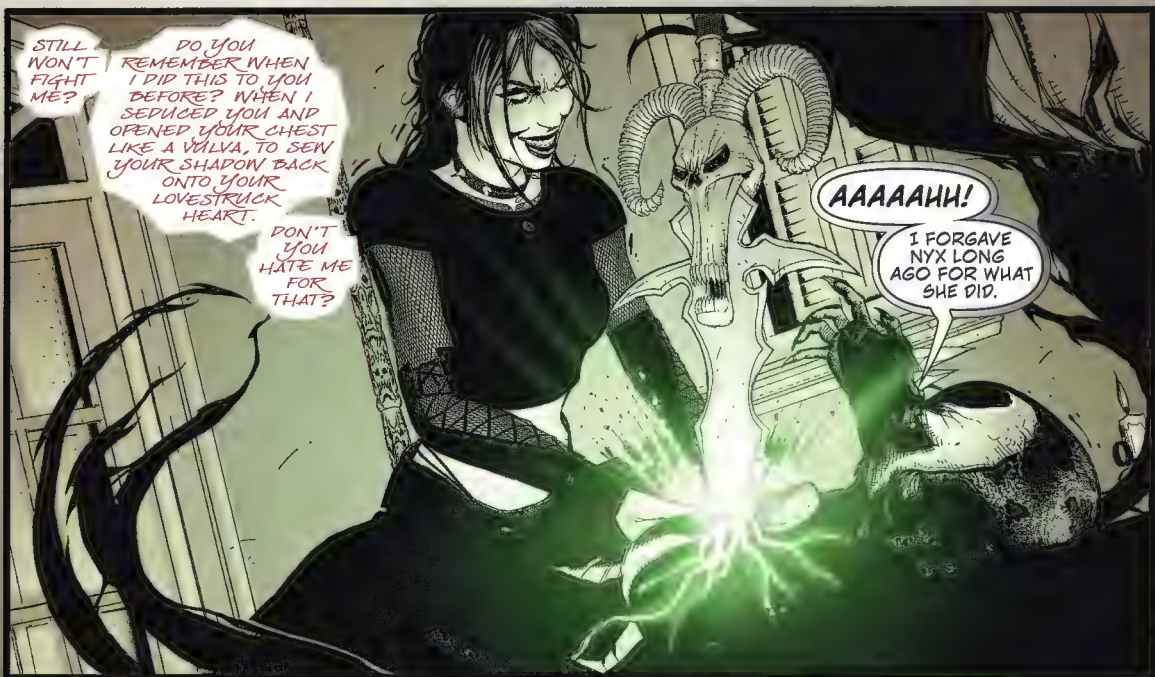
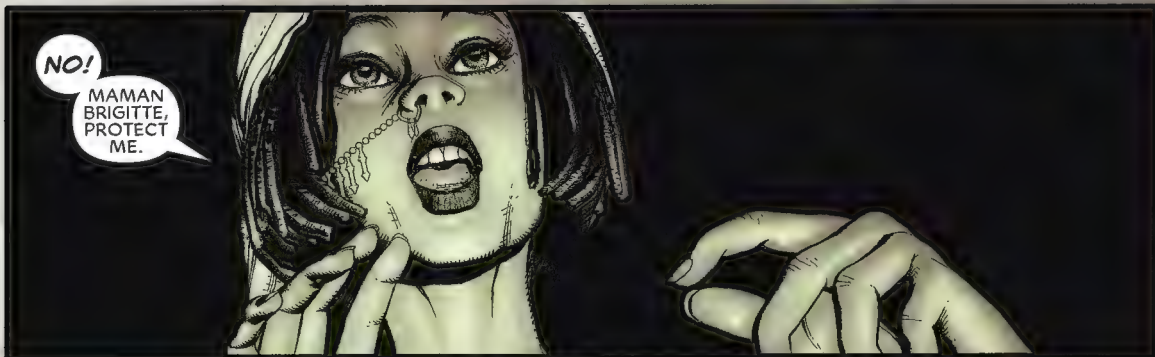
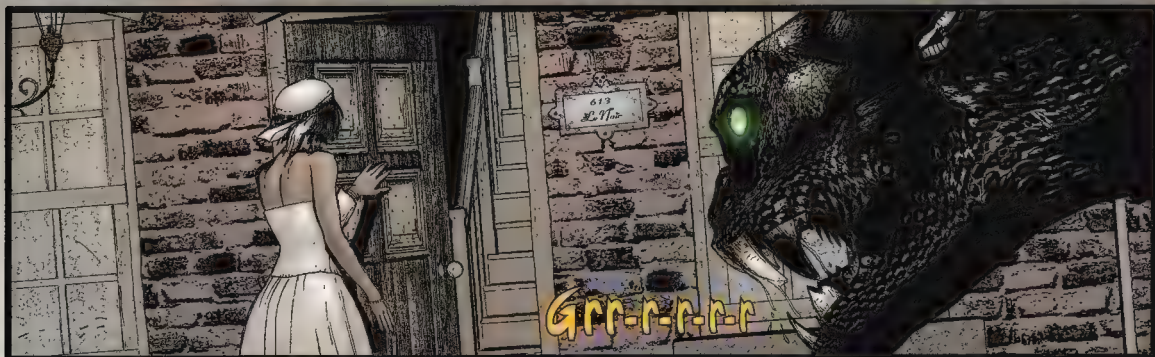


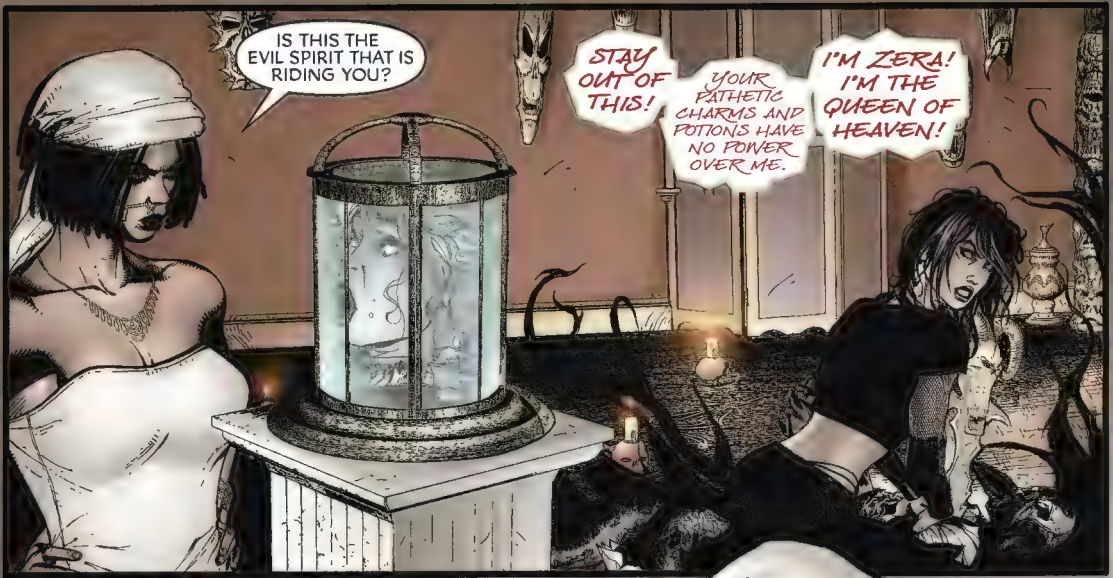
WAS IT A WOMAN WHO DID THIS TO YOU?



WAS IT A WOMAN WHO TOOK YOUR MANHOOD?!







IS THIS THE
EVIL SPIRIT THAT IS
RIDING YOU?

STAY
OUT OF
THIS!

YOUR
PATHETIC
CHARMS AND
POTIONS HAVE
NO POWER
OVER ME.

I'M ZERA!
I'M THE
QUEEN OF
HEAVEN!



I WOULDN'T
WASTE MY SKILLS
ON YOU...

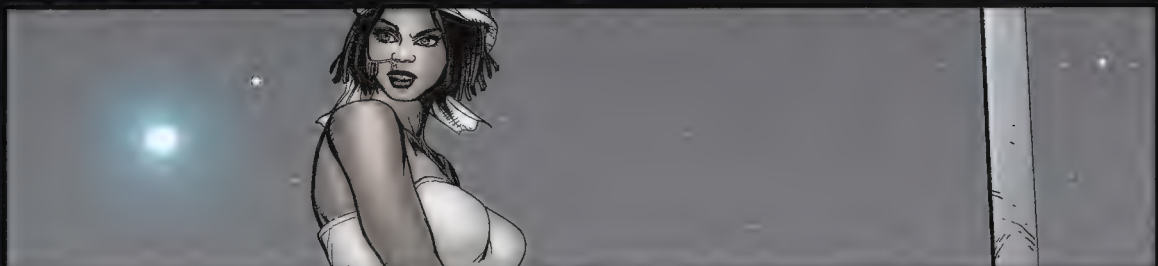


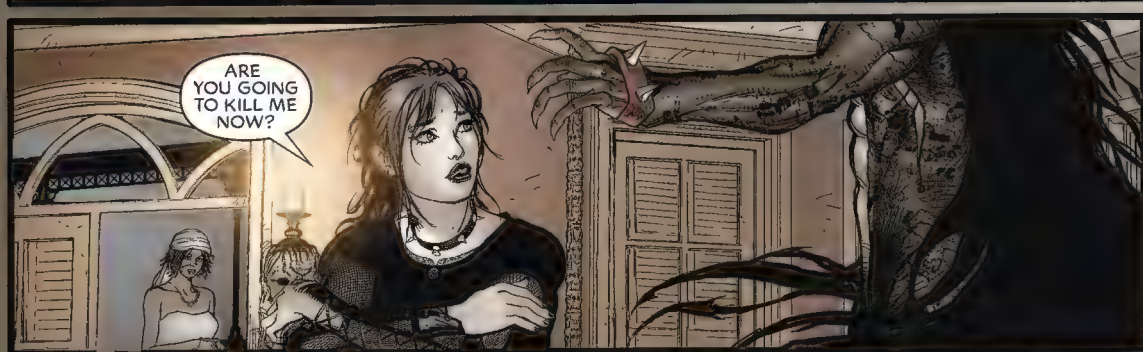
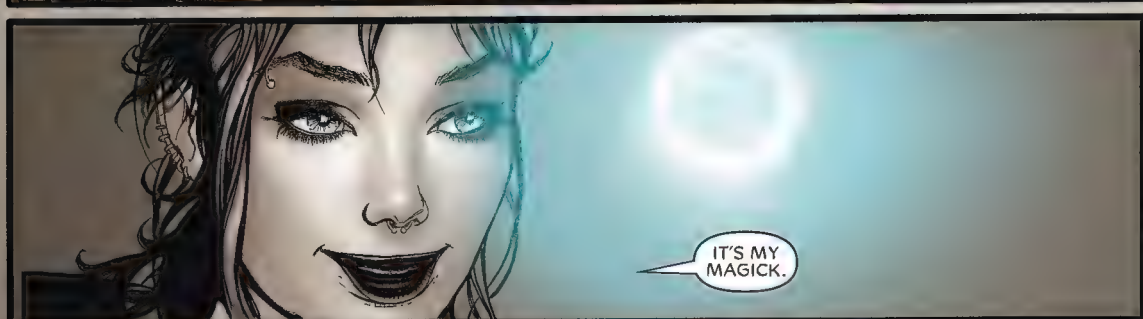
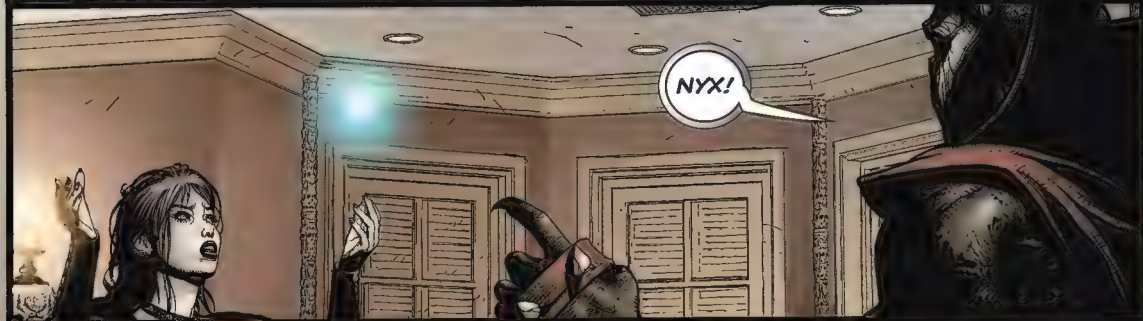
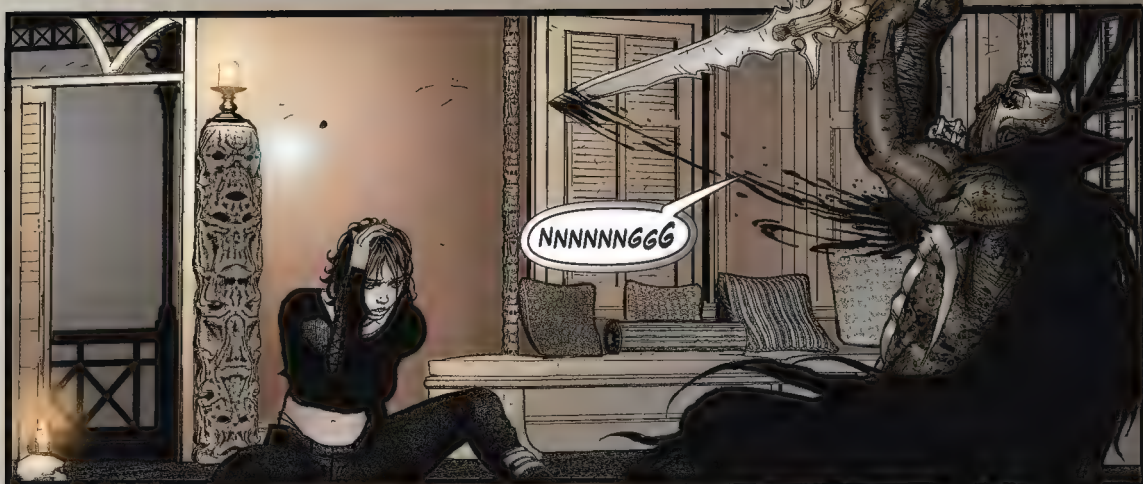
...SALE
PUTE!



QUEEN
OF HEAVEN...
MON CUL!







WHY WOULD I HURT YOU?

ZERA'S GONE.

SO YOU MEANT WHAT YOU SAID? YOU'VE FORGIVEN ME?

THERE'S NOTHING TO FORGIVE. EVERYTHING YOU DID, WAS DONE FOR THE RIGHT REASONS.

BUT I BETRAYED YOU. I GAVE MAMMON POWER OVER YOU.

THAT'S NOTHING TO THE SINS I'VE COMMITTED.

I LOVED YOU AL. DID YOU KNOW THAT?

AL SIMMONS IS GONE. HE DIED A LONG TIME AGO.

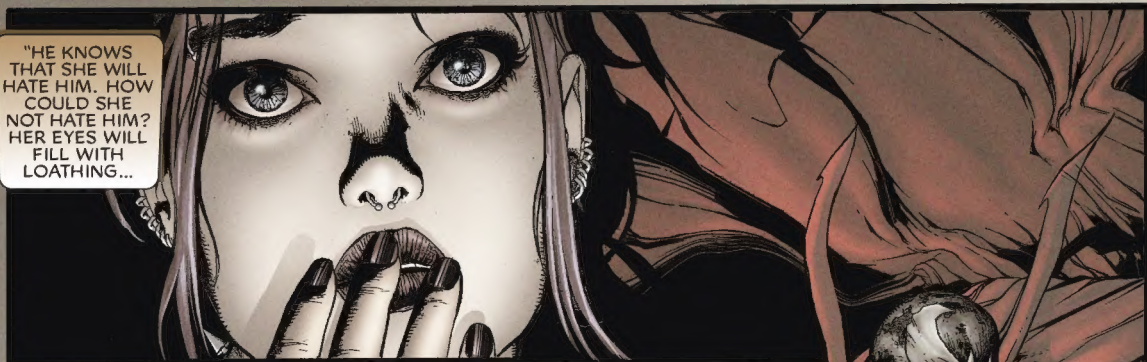
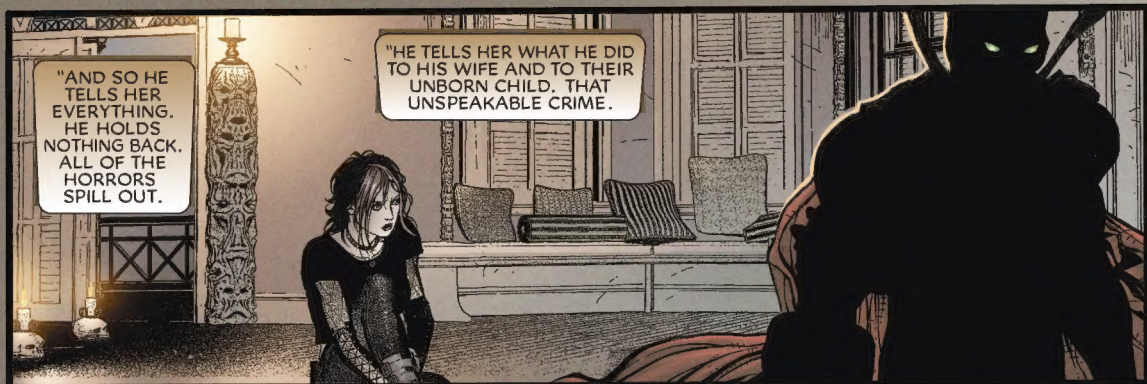
THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT. THIS MONSTER.

NO, AL. YOU'RE A GOOD MAN.

YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT IF YOU KNEW WHAT I'VE DONE.

TELL ME WHAT YOU DID, THEN...

AND I'LL TELL YOU IF YOU'RE A MONSTER.







Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE